

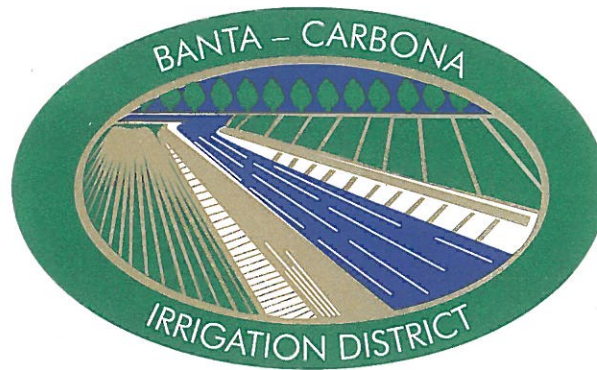
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**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (**BCID**) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (**GSA**) pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for that portion of the Tracy Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 5-22.15) (**Basin**) that lies within the service area of BCID. A map and shapefile showing the Basin, BCID's service area, and the proposed area of the GSA is attached in **Exhibit A**.

The District is in discussions with other agencies overlying the Basin, and is interested in working cooperatively with them. To the best of BCID's knowledge, the other entities considering formation of a GSA within the Basin boundaries currently include:

City of Tracy
South Delta Water Agency
Byron-Bethany Irrigation District
San Joaquin County

A copy of the resolution electing to become a GSA for the Basin is attached in **Exhibit B**.

The District did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities to elect to become a GSA.

Prior to the election to become a GSA, a public hearing was held on December 16, 2015 pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b).

As required by Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), BCID developed a list of interested parties, and this list will continue to be amended as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process. As required by the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), BCID will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Basin, as well as those responsible for developing GSPs. BCID will solicit feedback and participate in discussions with interested parties during GSP development. These interests include, but are not limited to the following:

- ***Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:***

- *Agriculture users.*

The BCID Board of Directors is comprised of five members, each representing the agricultural water users within the district. Therefore, agricultural users are exclusively represented on the BCID governing board.

- *Domestic well owners.*

There are domestic wells within the GSA, however, based on the understanding of groundwater conditions that currently exist, or are likely to exist in the foreseeable future, the GSA anticipates that the plan will exclude domestic wells.

- ***Municipal well operators.***

The City of Tracy, Diablo Water District, City of Antioch, and the City of Brentwood, operate municipal wells within the Basin, but not within the service area of BCID. BCID has been meeting regularly with the City of Tracy to discuss implementation SGMA, and will continue to do so.

- ***Public water systems.***

BCID will work with San Joaquin, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to identify any public water systems within the basin relying on groundwater supplies.

- ***Local land use planning agencies.***

Again, the City of Tracy and others operate municipal wells within the Basin, but not within the service area of BCID or the proposed GSA. BCID has been meeting regularly with the City of Tracy to discuss implementation SGMA, and will continue to do so.

- ***Environmental users of groundwater.***

BCID is working to identify agencies advocating for environmental uses within the Basin and will work with those entities in developing the GSA.

- ***Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.***

BCID and the United States Bureau of Reclamation are the sole surface water providers within the GSA boundaries. BCID has a working relationship with numerous surface water users within the basin through its participation in the Tracy Subbasin GSA group coordinated by the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority.

- ***The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.***

BCID has a contractual relationship with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and will continue to work with the federal government in development of the Groundwater Management Plan for the Basin.

- ***California Native American tribes.*** N/A

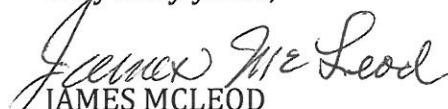
- ***Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.*** BCID has identified disadvantaged communities within the basin from DWR's web page, and will cooperate with San Joaquin County to work with any disadvantaged communities within the GSA relying on groundwater supplies.

- ***Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA.*** BCID has a groundwater management plan adopted under Water Code Section 10750, et seq. San Joaquin County collects groundwater data, and the GSA will continue to coordinate with the county regarding the plan.

The District intends to work cooperatively with other agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders within San Joaquin County and the State of California, regarding the sustainable management of groundwater within the Basin. BCID intends to use its existing Board of Directors for governance purposes.

If the Department of Water Resources requires additional information, please contact: District Manager David Weisenberger at (209) 835-4670.

Very truly yours,


JAMES MCLEOD
President

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Map/GIS shape file of the Tracy Sub-basin and Banta-Carbona Irrigation District Service Area

Exhibit B – Copy of resolution of election to become a GSA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT DECLARING
ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE
TRACY SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, the SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Tracy Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (District) is a local agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on December 16, 2015 after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Tracy Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure that all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Members of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District are authorized to submit to the DWR on behalf of the District a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with the SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notification shall include the boundaries of the Tracy Subbasin that the District intends to manage, which shall include the lands within the District boundaries as well as lands included in the District service area, a copy of this resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's groundwater sustainability plan.

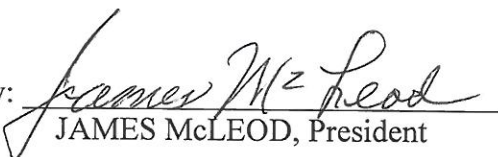
On motion by Director Keith Robertson and seconded by Director James M. Thoming, the forgoing resolution was passed and adopted on December 16, 2015 by the following vote.

AYES – Directors James McLeod, Keith Robertson, Glenn Robertson, James M. Thoming and
Roger Elissagaray

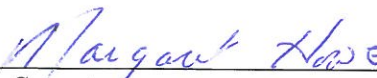
NOES – None

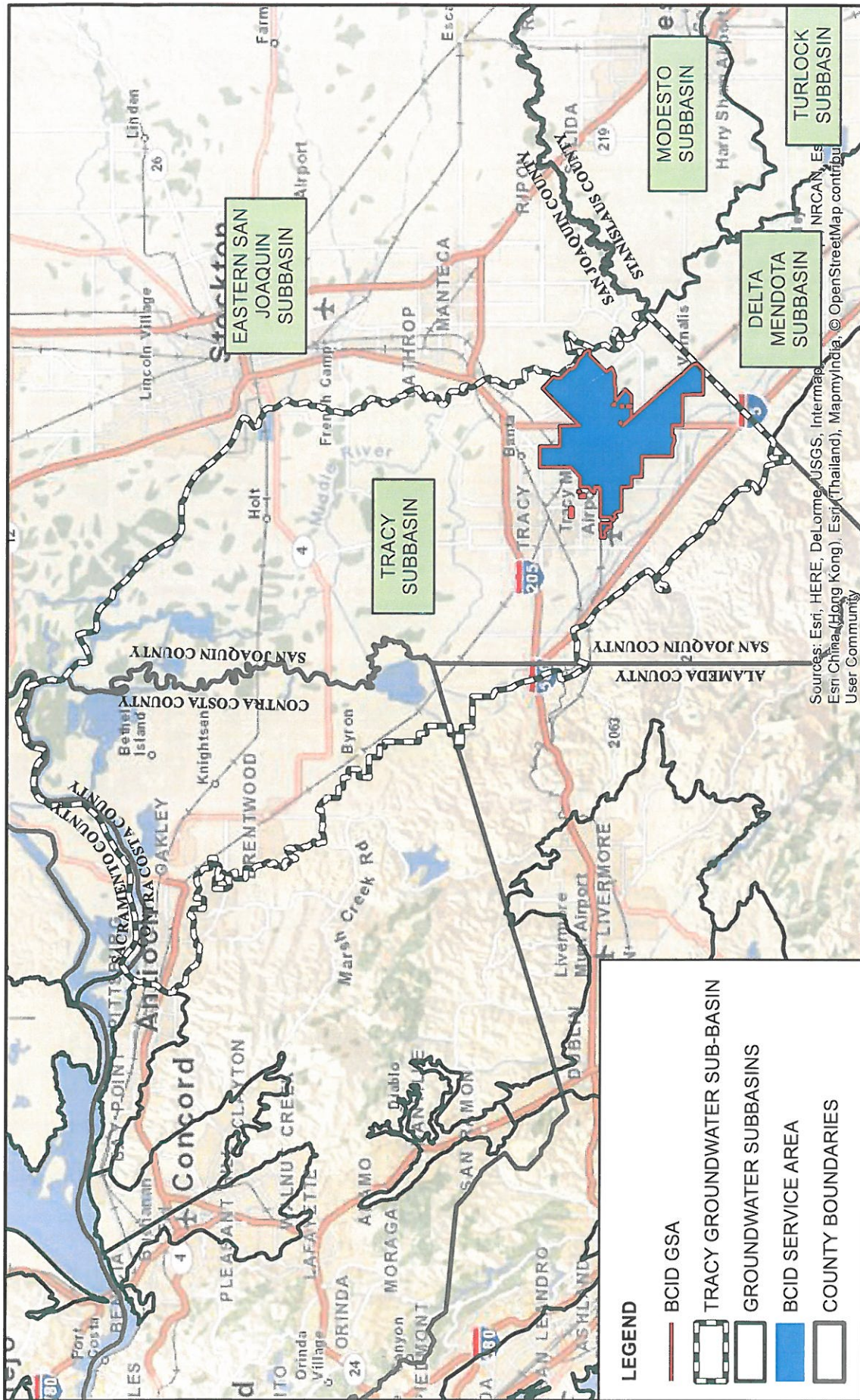
ABSTAINS – None

ABSENT – None

By: 
JAMES McLEOD, President

ATTEST:

By: 
Secretary



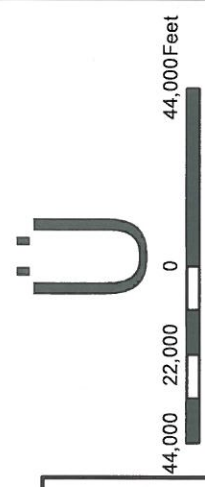
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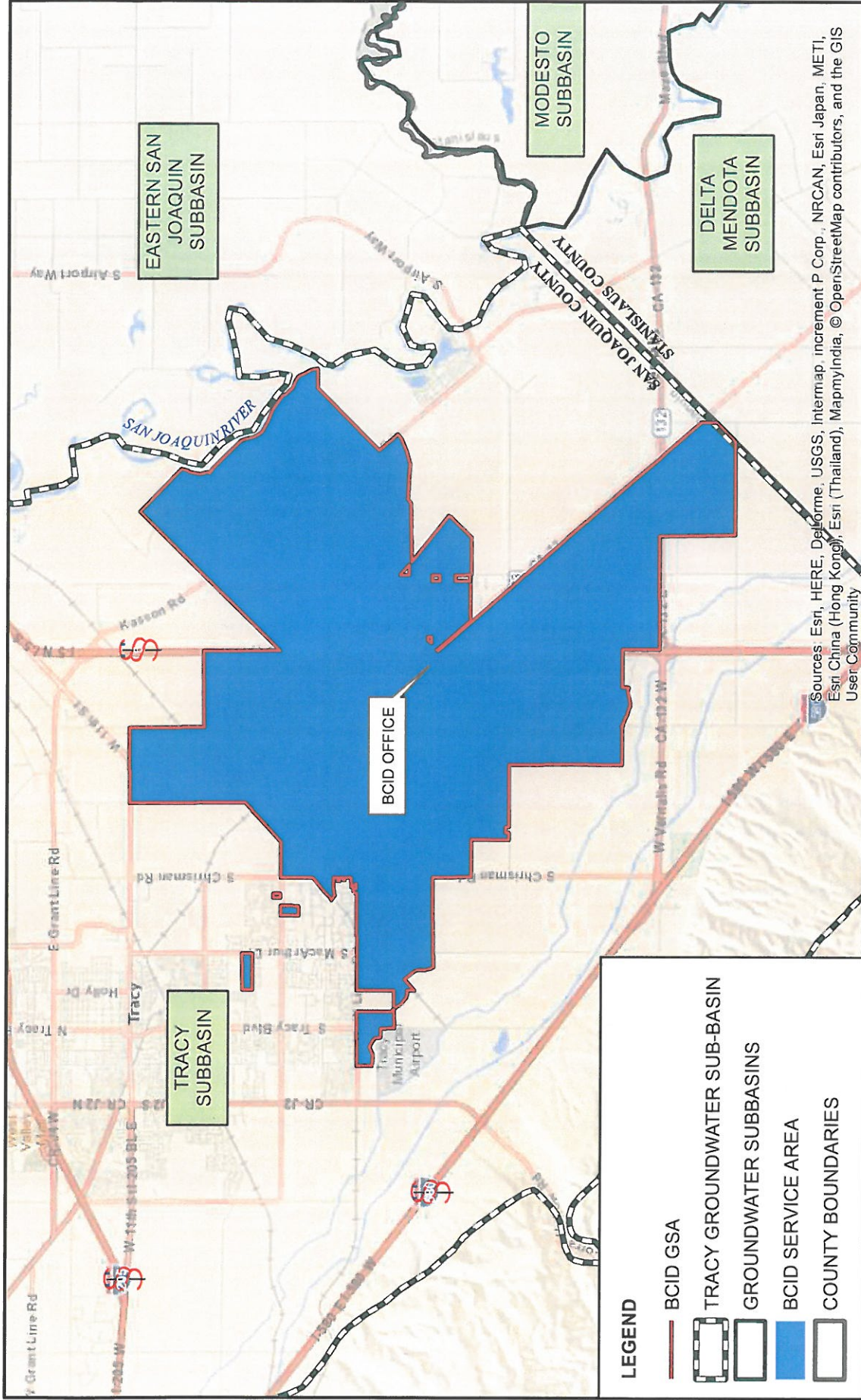
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